

progressive caring

Jacque Williams had always been very active, enjoying walking and other outdoor activities with her daughter Sara. But several months ago Jacque began experiencing intense abdominal pain and menstrual bleeding. One day the pain became

so severe that she had to go to **O'Bleness' Emergency Department** before going home from work. That was when Jacque realized she needed help. Pam Scholl, CNP (Certified Nurse Practitioner), at **Athens Obstetrics and Gynecology**, determined that Jacque's pain and bleeding were due to fibroid masses.

"Because I have a strong family history of cancer, I decided to investigate having a hysterectomy," Jacque said. She had heard that Michael Clark, DO, with **River Rose Obstetrics and Gynecology**, is the only physician in the area who offers minimally invasive supracervical laparoscopic hysterectomy, a procedure involving much smaller incisions than with a conventional abdominal hysterectomy.

"Dr. Clark explained that the minimally invasive hysterectomy involves less pain, fewer complications and minimal scarring," Jacque said. "It was also important to me that I would only be home from work for a couple of weeks."

The more traditional abdominal hysterectomy, with a larger incision, typically requires women to spend four to six days in the hospital and four to six weeks recuperating at home.

"I was also happy that the surgery was performed in **O'Bleness' Outpatient Center** — it was easy for my family to be nearby," Jacque said. "Most women go home the same day of the surgery, but this was my first surgery and I opted to stay overnight to be sure I would be okay. The staff was just wonderful — they were really good to me. I left early the next morning and I was back to work in less than two weeks."



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